

Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[--]Fig. 4 is fragmentary view with parts broken away for clarity of the shiftable segment-holding vacuum plate assembly of the invention; - -

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[--]Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken along line 5-5 of [f]Fig. 4 and further depicting the construction of the shiftable plate and anvil assembly; - -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[--]Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view depicting the input end of the plate and anvil assembly, with the cooper[]able die assembly illustrated in phantom; - -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line, 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[--]Fig. 8 is a sectional view taken along line 8-8 of [f]Fig. 4 which illustrates the side panel members of the shiftable plate and the underlying anvil assembly;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[--]Fig. 9 is an enlarged, fragmentary [in] partial vertical section which illustrates one of the eccentric drive motor units coupled with the shiftable segment-holding plate; - -

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 11 is a schematic block diagram illustrating the interconnection between the computer

D4 controller of the die cutting apparatus and the sensing cameras and stepper motor drive units; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 2, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

D5 -- Turning now to the drawings, and particularly Fig. 1, die cutting apparatus 30 is illustrated. The apparatus 30 broadly includes a die cutting press or station 32 equipped with a die set 34, a material feeder assembly 36 for sequentially feeding stock to the station 32 for sequential die cutting of web segments 38 thereof (Fig. 21), and segment positioning apparatus 40 adjacent die set 34 for accurate positioning of each respective segments 38 relative to the die set. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

D6 -- The assembly 30 is adapted for use in processing elongated webs which present successive segments 38 having target die-cutting regions 42 thereon and carrying in printed indicia such as fiducials 44 (Fig. 21), the latter being in predetermined positions relative to the corresponding target regions. [An example of material capable of being processed in assembly 30 is a flexible synthetic resin web having thereon soft, unfired ceramic material used in the production of capacitors. The die cutting of such material as a part of capacitor production is highly critical and extremely close cutting tolerances are required.] The assembly 30 is thus designed for high speed yet very accurate die cutting of the successive segments 38.